

**Opinions of the Pulpit on the
Drama, the Vulgar Press
and National Affairs.**

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At the Presbyterian church on West Forty-second street, near Seventh avenue, last evening the pastor, Rev. W. A. Scott, delivered a clear, logical and forcible discourse on the cosmism of our times or the new system of religion which is being advanced. The system whose advocates do not believe in any individual future existence of the soul such as promised the Christian faithful, and who claim that the sole aim of our existence should be to enjoy ourselves in this life; who, while they do not believe in the existence of God, will yet permit themselves to speak of God, because society attributes to that name an absence of morality, and who claim that everything Christian shall be swept away with the beacon of destruction. In such a case, the speaker, who is a Unitarian, should be called seculars a word which comes from

no more disagreeable reminder of this fact. The spirit of the place, as forced upon you whether you will or not, is that of a place where the heart is the center. It is recognized that the love they bear their common father makes them as one family. This feeling of interest one in another is so apparent, so hearty and so sincere, that it is almost impossible to exclude the feeling as if he were treading on forbidden ground, or was there by surveillance or the august consideration of a pewholder. The impression is that of a temple where the common emotion is more than confirmed as the services proceed. The music comes not from the organ alone, or from a few voices in a loft, but from every corner of the sanctuary, and the feeling is "all things arise." The singing has this character that it is not so artistic as the notes in an opera. It has a spirit of devotion in it that touches the heart of every one who hears it. It is not a spirit of feeling, of sympathy one with another, but a feeling of tenderness in the hearts of each toward all, such as one is wont to feel only toward the loved ones of his family.

Bishop Littlejohn, in addressing the congregation

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The sacrament of Confirmation administered to one hundred children by Archbishop Spalding—President Grant at the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

WASHINGTON, March 14, 1890.

The sacrament of confirmation was administered to-day by Archbishop Spalding to one hundred children, boys and girls, of St. Matthew's parish in this city. The boys were neatly dressed and wore blue roses on their jackets, while the little girls were clothed in garments of spotless white. The attractiveness of the latter was much enhanced by long white veils flowing in graceful folds almost to their feet and fastened to their heads by wreaths of artificial flowers. The services commenced with a solemn high mass at seven o'clock in the morning, celebrated by the Archbishop, during which all the children and numbers of grown folks approached

At the first Presbyterian church, Rev. Alexander Capron, rectified a very eloquent and able discourse by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, and was warmly applauded; and he was praised for his courage and intrepidity in his denunciations of the transgressions; He was praised for his intrepidity, and the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all.

At the second Presbyterian church, Rev. Charles Leslie, pastor, preached from Matthew's vii, 13— "Therefore in all things whatsoever ye would men should do to you, do ye even so to them." His discourse was excellent, and his large congregation appreciated his efforts.

At the first Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Seward, pastor, delivered a very eloquent and able discourse to the congregation, and was warmly applauded.

In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, agent of the "American and Foreign Mission," presented the interests and work of the American Board, and engaged the attention of the church, and was listened to by a large and a precious audience, not only from that church but from various churches.